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Dear Chaplain Corps Colleagues,

When I was a child, my mother, as mothers do, would put my disappointments in perspective as she would strive to soften them. After long Michigan winters, my brother and I were anxious to shake-off the accumulated effects of cabin fever by being out-of-doors as much as possible. Having coveted more temperate weather by way of a much hoped for early spring and recalling the groundhog seldom if ever saw his shadow, April represented the great divide between the captivity of winter and the liberation of summer.

How disappointed we would be, then, when our anticipated activities were curtailed by the inevitable spring rains. Upon expressing our feelings, mother would offer the age-old adage, "April showers bring May flowers."

Exactly! Putting aside disappointments which are reflective of deep-rooted self-centeredness and human appetites, there is an obvious connection between undertaking, if not simply enduring, that which is less pleasant and gaining that which is more desirable.

At a time when our culture seems too often driven more by a hunger to satisfy wants rather than needs, and some people are given to suggesting that the way a person eats cake and frosting reflects personal character, have we as a people lost the discipline to postpone gratification in order to gain a greater good? Too often we seem to demonstrate that we have.

God teaches us important lessons through such synergistic scripture as: "Seek first the kingdom of heaven and His righteousness and all else will be added;" "Sow the wind and reap the whirlwind;" "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth where moth and rust degrade and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven where moth and rust do not degrade and thieves cannot break in and steal—for where your treasure is that's where your heart will be also;" and "To do good, and to distribute, forget not, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."

I sincerely believe that the God who called all things into being profoundly calls us, as Chaplains and Religious Program Specialists, to the responsible stewardship of His ministries by preparation and planning, as well as the endurance of hardship and sacrifice that we may become effective conduits through which He makes Himself and His divine will known to everyone connected with the sea services.

By God's grace, may every "shower" we experience produce a most divinely beautiful bouquet to His glory.

*Edw. Beckwith*



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## Generation X and Worship

BY REV. MICHAEL J. NEWMAN

*(Ed's note: This is the third in a series of articles from this year's Professional Development Training Course experts.)*

My father was a Navy man in the Second World War. An officer – naval advocate. He saw duty at Treasure Island in San Francisco and aboard the USS HENRY GEORGE. My early days in Milwaukee, Wisconsin had a lot of Navy jargon in it. This time with the Navy and the chaplains has been a wonderful experience. I know my dad would be proud. Challenges and adventures have been the hallmark of my ministry to youth and young adults in the thirty-two years of my priesthood. I was ordained a Roman Catholic Priest in 1967 after finishing Theology at the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. During the summers, I participated in the Masters' Program in Liturgical Music, and received my M. Mus. in 1968.

After a few years of teaching high school, parish ministry and youth ministry, I began my ministry with college and university young adults in 1981. Since then I have discovered much about myself – that I learn much more from my students than what I teach them. For eighteen years now, my congregation, composed mostly of young adults who are

students at the university or college in the area, have reached out to me and supported me by their openness, friendliness and questioning.

At first look, this might be a little disarming – perhaps even a little scary. Believe me there have been many scary moments – but I have learned a few things over the years that I am able to share at this year's PDTs.

God has given me a great gift! I have a memory like an elephant! I remember people who are convinced that I will not remember them – especially their names. Hospitality for worship, an indispensable ingredient, comes easy for me. I believe that this is something I have discovered over the years. Worship does not begin in the chapel nor on the ship, but it begins in the mess hall, in the parking lot, on

deck. The young adult population today is personable and seeks a sense of belonging – not just being there – but belonging.

In the Christian Scriptures, the parable of the sower and the seed serves as a wonderful model and lesson for us. Where do we put our emphasis – I prefer to put it on the soil. How much preparation do we do for the soil of one's heart so that the seed may grow? So many seem to come to our worship in a state of confusion, unhappiness and desperation. Can the word of God actually rest on these souls – or will it add to the confusion, unhappiness or depression?

Interacting with Navy, Merchant Marine and Coast Guard Chaplains for a year has shown me that Navy Generation Xers are

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PHAN Joseph Strevel, USN

Christmas Candlelight Service aboard the USS George Washington (CVN 73)



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PH3 Cynthia Zarate, USN

The Catholic choir aboard USS NIMITZ (CVN 68) sings at Christmas Midnight Mass

pretty much the same as those who attend our colleges and universities. What happens outside our worship is as important as what happens within. When I first began ministering with young adults, someone asked me if I liked pizza. When I responded affirmatively, they confirmed that I would do well with young adults.

People share their needs, concerns, journeys in their time. Patience is a must-practice virtue. We need to take people where they are. When we go out to do ministry with others, we are visiting a place where God is already at work. Our job as ministers is to join God at work with each individual. When we minister, we are loving people in a variety of ways. What does real loving actually look and feel like?

When we sift through all the theological language, church titles, military ranks, ministry programs and

especially all our relationships, how do we know we are loving? How can we tell what people really need? How do we join God who is already at work in another person's life, and how can we make an effective contribution to the growth of that individual.

Our task is to form and facilitate good relationships that unveil God's presence. Most people we encounter are preoccupied with building and surviving relationships. If we can help them do that, they'll listen to us. If we cannot, they will ignore us.

Mentoring is becoming popular again. I would like to propose that we as ministers with Generation X learn the art of spiritual direction. Spiritual direction can be described as the art in which we guide the process of understanding one's relationship with God. A common form of

spiritual direction occurs when a spiritual director listens to the prayer experiences and life experiences of one under his or her direction and asks significant questions, encouraging growth and honesty in facing personal strengths and weaknesses.

The English churchman of the nineteenth century, John Henry Cardinal Newman, coined a phrase that is the insignia of Catholic Campus Ministry: "Cor ad Cor Loquitur. Heart speaks to heart!" He and his successors have consistently upheld that we have confused inti-

macy with sex – but they share with us that true intimacy is achieved when we learn to share the secrets of our heart with one another.

What a wonderful opportunity to engage our young adult recruits, enlisted men and women as well as Generation Xers in the officer corps in the process of searching, discovering, and reconnecting with our traditions of spirituality and worship. Am I excited about it? You betcha! I hope that I can communicate that excitement to you.

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## Seekers of the Sacred

BY LCDR GARY CARR, CHC, USN

One particular worship service at a Navy and Marine Corps reserve center in Lexington, Kentucky stands out in my memory. I was new to the Chaplain Corps, an Ensign in the Theological Student Program. Late on a Sunday afternoon, a company of Marines was returning from a field exercise. The Officer in Charge greeted me in the drill hall and asked me if I would like to have a service for the unit. "Yes sir!" I replied. "Fine," he said. "I can give you fifteen minutes right now, then we'll have to clean our weapons." In what seemed like an instant, about one hundred Marines gathered around me, waiting for me to lead them in worship. Looking into their eyes, I will never forget the glow of expectation, the spiritual interest radiating from them, the desire for something sacred to complement their experience in the field. They quietly waited to hear a lesson from their chaplain. That image breaking through the film of grime on their faces and the odor of gunpowder on their uniforms stayed with me years later. The fifteen minutes in worship with them huddled around me on a drill hall floor set the tone for the active duty ministry I was to enjoy.

Providing meaningful worship services for our sea service

personnel is a daunting task, yet chaplains skillfully maximize available resources to give religious support for a broad spectrum of worship preferences. This year's Professional Development Training Course (PDTC) focuses on worship for "seekers of the sacred," often described as "Generation X". I call them seekers because they

their role as sailors. It is this holy interest by young people that makes our calling as chaplains so rewarding.

As the PDTC suggests, there are entirely new and creative worship experiences for young people that may be very effective in boosting worship participation at chapel services on land and at sea.

Recent liturgical forms, contemporary music, and interactive prayers engage the eyes, ears, and hands in worship. It is overwhelming to examine the amount of new material being published as worship resources today. Some chaplains may find themselves feeling pressure to have a contemporary service that has the look and feel of a Willow Creek or Saddle-back Church "seeker style" service.

Others may want to include

Taize choruses in their existing worship services. All the new choices available today offer limitless variations in making worship meaningful. Chaplains should listen to these "seekers" because they have a refreshing and fervent spirit to praise and glorify God.

Navy chaplains have already found unique ministries reaching Gen-X. Chaplains Barry Metzger and Lawrence Hummer and I have used outdoor concerts, called [www.praise.god@nattc](http://www.praise.god@nattc), to reach our sacred warriors in worship. Chaplain Douglas Waite wrote a Doctor



PH3 Chris Vickers, USN

A Marine offers Bosnian children a portion of his MRE

possess a hunger for a relationship with God that will stand the test of time, endure the hardships and brokenness of culture, and maintain a pure and uncompromising quality of holiness.

As the chaplain for the Naval Air Technical Training Center (NATTC), I delight in having "A" school students involved in command religious program activities. The feedback I receive from every incoming student shows they hold deep religious faith, a curiosity for learning more about God and a desire for integrating their faith into

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## Within the Chaplain Corps Family



### IN MEMORIAM

**CAPT John Edward Johnson, CHC, USN (Ret)**, survived by his daughter, Carolyn J. Crawford, Birmingham, AL

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**LT Reginald S. Daniels, CHC, USNR**  
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**CAPT Roger W. Pace, CHC, USN (Ret)**  
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### Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal



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of Ministry dissertation on increasing Gen-X worship in the military. Some chaplains throughout the Corps have focused their post-graduate (PG) school studies on increasing their understanding of this generation. The key to their success is found in the energy spent to develop leaders and to adapt to the dynamic needs of the military unit. During my PG tour at Duke Divinity School, I focused on the history of our worship resources and development of the Book of Worship for United States Forces.

I discovered numerous incidents in our rich history to implement the changes in our worship needs. I also noticed that blood-red hymnal in the chapel pew is very special to me. It is unique in the world, the result of four years research and nearly thirty religious denominations finding agreement on making worship alive and fresh for the 1970s. In 1999, some chaplains have already upgraded to other hymnals and resources. Other



chapels are studying the choices before them.

No single hymnal could contain a representative selection of current religious music. Music styles change with each new generation. The musical appeal of the previous hymnals has waned. It differs from what the "seeker" appreciates.

This is not a new challenge, but a continuing one. We cannot predict which songs will last for the next twenty years and which ones will fade away. We can expect that changes in music preferences will become more frequent rather than less frequent.

However, people resist change, especially in matters as important and as personal as worship. To reach our "seekers", we need to adapt to emerging trends or face an empty sanctuary on Sunday morning. We should welcome new ideas and innovative approaches in worship and still preserve our ties to the past. To reject new ideas can be detrimental to the growth of the command religious program. So, consider what it costs *not to have* a usable, meaningful worship resource.

As I look into the faces of our students at NATTC, I can still see the glow of spiritual hope in their faces when we worship. It is the same glow and expectation that rekindles joy in me, just as it did in the drill hall with the Marines back in 1984.

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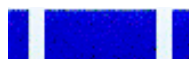


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### Senior Sailor of the Quarter



*RP2 Mona Scott, USN*  
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## *A Legend in Our Corps*

BY LCDR CONNIE DORN, CHC, USNR

"I was in three wars. Besides serving in five ships, there was duty at the Naval Academy and three training centers, and at the Submarine Base in the Canal Zone. I was Director of Navy Relief at Long Beach, home port of the Battle Force when the Japanese struck the fleet at Pearl Harbor in 1941. We had more widows and dependents than anywhere else. At the peak of World War II, I was Senior Chaplain at Great Lakes, the largest naval training center of the world. I served on staffs in Okinawa, Philippine Sea Frontier, and the Fleet Marine Service, Pearl Harbor, and as District Chaplain 13<sup>th</sup> N.D. in Seattle and 5<sup>th</sup> N.D. in Norfolk."

Such was the thirty year Naval career of our oldest living chaplain, CAPT John E. Johnson. Born on 2 May 1899, Chaplain Johnson died this past November, on the 17<sup>th</sup>. After retiring from the Navy, he went on to pastor the Bayside Presbyterian Church in Norfolk just after it was organized in 1953. After serving there for twelve years, he moved on in 1967 to serve as pulpit supply or interim pastor for 39 churches until his second retirement. Though he died a few months short of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, just before he died, he joked that he considered himself one hundred for he counted the

nine months in the womb. He and his wife Lila were married for 71 years before she died last May.

Over the past few years, Chaplain Johnson regularly wrote to the Chaplain Resource Board. In honor of his career as a chaplain and his subsequent thirty years in the pastorate, I decided to share some excerpts from his writings.



When he was examined to be ordained as a Presbyterian minister, a prominent pastor advised him not to become a Navy chaplain: He said, "No position requires more of the wisdom of an old man and the point of view of a young man than the office of chaplain in the Armed Forces." He had been a chaplain in the Army in World War I.

He became a chaplain anyway, appointed 9 February 1924.

"The most impressive indoctrination I received in the Navy was on the fo'c'stle of my first ship when out of the wisdom of his years, the fatherly Chief Carpenter said to me: "In the Navy there are no disappointments, only pleasant surprises." I'm sure that not

everybody in the Navy accepts this philosophy, but it is something to think about. This was in 1924... It was a tremendous surprise when, as the youngest captain in the Corps, in 1943, at the peak of WWII, I received orders to relieve one of the most senior chaplains as Senior Chaplain, Great Lakes, largest naval training center in the world. It might have been considered a low blow or keen disappointment in 1950, when, after receiving the highest recommendation for duty as Senior Chaplain at the Naval Academy, my orders did not come.

Someone on the General Board had other ideas. My orders to the Fifth Naval District set me up for a great surprise - the building of a church which has become one of the four largest of the 68 churches in the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia. It was a pleasant surprise to learn that I had been recommended for flag rank. Failure to be selected for rear admiral opened the way for the surprise of our largest fulfillment... In my thirty years of active

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## *Notes from Our Detailer*

BY CAPT T. C. CARTER, CHC, USN

### **LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

The Chief of Naval Operations has directed that officers attend Leadership Continuum Training at designated points in their careers. To comply with that



directive, we are sending chaplains to the appropriate training as enroute training during PCS moves. Here's how we're doing it.

The Chaplains School now has a two week Staff and Leadership Course for LCDRs. For those LCDRs and LCDR selects whose PRD will accommodate the class schedule, we write orders for you to attend the Staff and Leadership Course for two weeks, then two more weeks at the Chaplains School for the Advanced Officers Leadership Training Course (AOLTC) (non XO) taught by the Chaplains School staff. For those LCDRs and LCDR selects whose PRD will not accommodate the class schedule at the Chaplains School, we write orders for enroute training at either NAB Little Creek or NAB Coronado. You will need to attend the two week Staff and Leadership Course on your next

PCS move.

For Lieutenants with two or more tours, we are writing your orders to attend the Intermediate Officers Leadership Training Course (IOLTC) at either NAB Little Creek or NAB Coronado.

At present we are unable to send CDRs and CAPTs to Leadership Training.

Chaplain Elkin and I are doing this without your asking; but now that you know, make it a part of your discussion with us.

### **INDEFINITE EXTENSION**

Chaplains on their initial active duty obligation who wish to continue on active duty must submit a request for indefinite extension. Three items are required to be considered for extension: 1) your request, of course, in writing; 2) command endorsement; and 3) an ecclesiastical endorsement for indefinite active duty. Deadlines for submission are published in the Chaplain Corps Detailers section of *Perspective* magazine. For those whose obligated service expires between 1 October 1999 and 31 March 2000, your request is

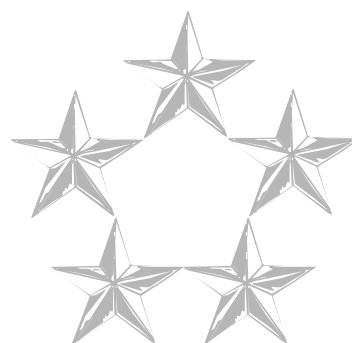


due NLT 30 April 1999. For those who wish to be released from active duty at the end of their obligated service, you must

submit a request for release at least six months prior to your EAOS. See *Perspective* for further information.

### **SELECTION BOARDS**

Selection Boards now meet in Millington, Tennessee. Your records are digitized and stored on CDs. Though recorders check your record closely before the Board meets, you remain responsible for your record. Check the January – February 1999 issue of *Perspective* magazine for the latest scoop on selection boards and your record. I recommend you make a copy of pages 14-16, 22-28 and 32-33.



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*A Legend of Our Corps (con't from page 8)*

duty, fitness reports from 29 commanding officers were submitted. I don't know what's in all of those reports. If I knew, I am sure I'd be disappointed by some and surprised by others... My greatest disappointment is in myself -- the mistakes I have made, the stupid things I've said and done, my insensitivities, my thoughtlessness. My most pleasant surprises have been in my dear wife and family and friends, all of whom have been wonderful!"

Among those friends during the course of his career was none other than Chesty Puller of the Marine Corps.

"When I was on the staff of the Fleet Marine Force Pacific at Pearl Harbor, COL Lewis B. Puller was in command of the Marines in the Navy Yard. He was called "Chesty". My wife Lila often played bridge with his wife, Virginia. Virginia told of her small children playing at the steps of their quarters. She was at the open window nearby when suddenly she heard her darling girl sound off, "My God, there goes my shoe!" The dog had taken off with her shoe. Virginia called out sharply, "Where did you learn to say that?" The small boy answered for her and blamed the maid. The name of the most likely member of the family was not mentioned."

One of the interesting things reading through his correspondence is realizing that some things never change, or rather tend to repeat themselves. In a speech he made to the combined meeting

of the men's clubs of various local churches in Norfolk in 1954, he said:

"On 26 May 1951, the Secretary of Defense addressed a memorandum to the Secretaries of the Army, Navy and Air Force, and to the Chief of Staff of the Army, the CNO, and Chief of Staff of the Air Force, on the subject, "Protection of Moral Standards", in which he said, "It is in the national interest that the personnel serving in the Armed Forces be protected in the realization and devel-

pointed an acting chaplain in the Navy on 9 February 1924. His rich and varied career began at the Naval Shipyard, Philadelphia, where he served from May to June 1924. He then reported for duty aboard USS HENDERSON from June 1924 through March 1927. Tours followed aboard USS ANTARES, March to May 1927; Naval Training Station, Newport, RI, May through October 1927; Naval Training Station, Hampton Roads, October 1927 to June, 1928; aboard USS CAMDEN, July 1928 to June 1932.

Chaplain Johnson then reported to Sub Base, Coco Solo, Panama Canal Zone from June 1932 to September 1932; USS DOBBIN, September 1932 to July 1935, the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD from August 1935 to October 1938; USS IDAHO, November, 1938 to May 1941; NavRe, Long Beach, May 1941 to December 1943. He served during WW II at Naval Training Station, Great Lakes, December, 1941 to August 1945.

A tour at Naval Operating Base, SeaFron, followed from September 1945 to August 1948; from there he served as District Chaplain, 13<sup>th</sup> Naval District, August 1948 to November 1948. Then, he was assigned to the Commanding General, FMF, Pacific, November 1948 to June 1950; and, finally, as the District Chaplain, 5<sup>th</sup> Naval District, from June 1950 to his retirement in June 1954.



opment of moral, spiritual, and religious values consistent with the religious beliefs of the individuals concerned. To this end, it is the duty of the commanding officers in every echelon to develop to the highest possible degree the conditions and influences calculated to promote the health, morals, and spiritual welfare of the personnel under their command."

Chaplain Johnson definitely did his part in carrying out this goal throughout his thirty years in the Corps.

Chaplain Johnson was ap-

## New Resources

### **Cold War Recognition Certificate:**

If you served in the U.S. military or were a Federal Government Civilian Personnel employee between 2 September 1945 and 26 December 1991, you are eligible for the **Cold War Recognition Certificate**. These certificates are available beginning on 5 April 1999. For information on how and where to apply check out the following Internet site: [www.sdcw.army.mil/coldwar](http://www.sdcw.army.mil/coldwar).

St. Anthony Messenger Press has released two new titles in its series "A Retreat with . . ." The first is **A Retreat with Teresa of Avila: Living by Holy Wit.** Teresa of Avila is one of the most popular and influential saints Catholicism has ever produced. She was a highly regarded religious reformer, administrator, spiritual director and mystic who openly shared her mid-life memory loss, her inability to do what she exhorted others to do and her shortcomings as an author. (ISBN: 0-86716-298-8, 120 pages, \$8.95) The second new book is **A Retreat with Catherine of Siena: Living the Truth in Love.** This 14th century Italian laywoman had a strong will and commitment to carry out what she thought God was directing her to do. Catherine, declared a doctor of the Church in 1970, clung to the truth, lived the truth and sought after the truth throughout her life. With her, we struggle through sin and glory of our own truth and ponder the fruits of truth -- discernment, freedom and wisdom. (ISBN: 0-86716-303-8, \$8.95). For more information,

contact St. Anthony Messenger Press, (513) 241-5615 or email: [St.Anthony@AmericanCatholic.org](mailto:St.Anthony@AmericanCatholic.org).

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Resource Publications, Inc. has scheduled several improvements to its ***Celebrating the Lectionary*** (CTL) curriculum for religious education. CTL is a series of annual loose-leaf packets that enables religious education leaders to form age specific groups -- from pre-school to adults -- around the Sunday readings and the liturgy. The packets contain photocopyable handout masters. Packets work well with small and large groups and have background information, session plans, and other resource materials. For more information, contact Ron Smith, (408) 286-8505.

**Videos:** The CRB continues to purchase new videos for its library. We now have over 1200 titles on our shelves. Videos may be borrowed by any active-duty chaplain or drilling reservist. They can be used only in a military setting and are useful for chapel, Bible studies, educational programs and entertainment purposes. Please note that videos may only be sent to military addresses. A data base of all titles will soon be available on the CRB web page.

### *Book Reviews (con't from page 12)*

either acknowledged or refuted by them. Given the value of honor and the aversion to shame, there arose classic formats for giving or expressing praise of someone or shaming them. In this context, the author analyses the dynamics of the Gospel of Matthew. He is Professor of New Testament Studies at the University of Notre Dame, which explains his 48-page bibliography at the end. He also includes a scriptural index and a subject index. It is a very readable book, and will give you a whole new perspective on the gospels. ©1998 by Westminster John Knox Press, 287 pages.

### **In Whose Image: Faith, Science, and the New Genetics,**

edited by John P. Burgess. In this age of cloning and gene manipulation, what does it mean to claim that humans are made in the image of God? Are humans playing God when they begin manipulating the genetic makeup of an unborn child? This book is a collection of essays by scientists, pastors and theologians attempting to begin dialogues on these topics. At the end of each essay are discussion questions. It is put out by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) ©1998 by Geneva Press, 140 pages.

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## CRB Recommendations

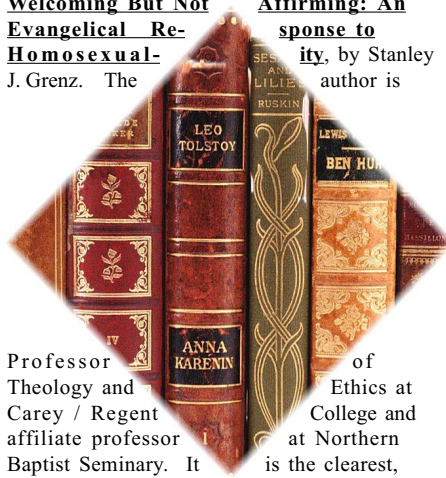
**The Learning About Myself (LAMS) Program for At-Risk Parents: Learning from the Past – Changing the Future**, by Verna Rickard. The program presented would be excellent not only for potentially abusive parents, but for any person who feels life just “happens” to them and there is nothing they can do to change their situations. It is not a lecture program, but uses games, questionnaires, role-playing and group discussions to examine the topics. A very useable tool chaplains could adapt to their command’s particular needs and situation. ©1998 by Haworth Press, 195 pages.

**Handbook of Planning in Religious Education**, edited by Nancy T. Foltz. This book is for all faith groups. Whoever plans and implements the religious education program could use this book, chaplains included. Planning is essential, for education occurs in all aspects of congregational life. Essentially this book is applying Total Quality Management to religious education. It covers multicultural and multigenerational situations, dealing with conflict and forgiveness, assessing needs, evaluating the process and the program,

implementing it, and achieving congregational ownership. The author includes a very helpful subject index at the back for quick referencing. ©1998 by Religious Education Press, 291 pages.

**Welcoming But Not Evangelical Re-Homosexual-**  
J. Grenz. The

**Affirming: An sponse to ity**, by Stanley  
The author is



Professor of Theology and Ethics at Carey / Regent College and affiliate professor at Northern Baptist Seminary. It is the clearest, fairest presentation of the nonaffirming position yet written. The author includes a 15 page list of works for future reading, as well as scriptural, author and subject indexes. ©1998 by Westminster John Knox Press, 210 pages.

**Leading Women: How Church Women Can Avoid Leadership Traps and Negotiate the Gender Maze**, by Carol E. Becker.

This book gives one of the most balanced overviews of the issues women face. External problems are covered such as bias against gender and no-win situations (for example, if one is assertive one is labeled aggressive and not feminine, but if one is not assertive one is viewed as not a leader). Unlike many other books, the inner issues are also covered, such as ambivalence over the use of power, and the desire to be viewed as “nice” by everyone. The book’s shortcoming is that contrary to the title, it does not show how to avoid these problems from the woman’s side. **She does have a good section for men, on how to avoid setting the traps.** ©1996 by Abingdon Press, 206 pages.

**Honor and Shame in the Gospel of Matthew**, by Jerome H. Neyrey. The pivotal values in the ancient world (and in many Eastern countries today) were honor and shame – the worth one had in the eyes of one’s neighbor. Honor was viewed as finite: the more you have, the less I have. Honor was claimed before others and subsequently

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